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Good Evening, another amazing wine tasting ... oh yeah!

Tasting all reds from

South Africa

When: Friday, January 30th

Time: 4-8 PM

Cost: Full pour \$22 Half pour: \$13

Chef's Special

Inside-Out Lamb Persillade with pureés of carrot, red pepper, roasted potatoes & tomatoes served w/ dinner roll \$15

2009 Ernie Els Proprietor's Blend \$37

The 2009 Proprietor's Blend consists of 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Shiraz, 5% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec and 2% Petit Verdot, aged in French and American oak for 18 months (40% new). It shows tremendous focus and delineation on the nose with blackberry, cedar, graphite and fresh strawberry. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp, ripe tannins matched with vibrant acidity that lends this great vivacity and poise. The finish has good grip with dense tarry black fruit that coat the palate. Superb. Drink 2013-2020. **92 Points Robert Parker**

2010 Painted Wolf Pinotage Guillermo Swartland, South Africa \$20

The 2010 Guillermo Pinotage from Swartland is blended with 10% Merlot and 4% Grenache. It shows impressive purity on the nose with scents of macerated dark cherries, wild strawberry and raspberry. The oak is beautifully integrated. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy tannins. It has very impressive focus, a Pinotage a little aloof and masculine, but with style and class. **90 Points Robert Parker**

2012 Southern Right Pinotage Origin Hemel-en-Aarde \$25

The 2012 Pinotage is raised in 40% new oak plus first- and second-fill wood for 12 months. It has a clean and fresh bouquet with mulberry, raspberry and a touch of cassis developing in the glass, all with fine delineation. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins: quite succulent in the mouth but with very good acidity and plenty of freshness and tension on the finish. This is one of South Africa's finest Pinotage (until you get to the succeeding vintage.) **91 Points Robert Parker**

2009 Mulderbosch Faithful Hound Stellenbosch South Africa \$21

54% cabernet sauvignon, 27% merlot, 8% each cabernet franc and petit verdot, and 3% malbec): Good medium ruby-red. Blackberry, black raspberry, coffee, mocha, woodsmoke and peppery herbs on the nose. Rich, silky and fine-grained in a distinctly Old World way, offering complex, subtle notes of berries, tobacco leaf, fresh herbs, woodsmoke and soil in a very harmonious package. Finishes savory and long, with suave tannins and lingering spice and tobacco leaf notes. This held up very well in the recorked bottle. **-91 Points Stephen Tanzer**

2011 Spice Route Chakalaka \$20 Origin of Swartland

Displays weight and cut, offering delicious flavors of steeped plum, pastis-soaked black currant and blackberry preserves that are lined with charcoal and roasted apple wood notes, all melded

through the finish. Syrah, Mourvèdre, Carignane, Tannat, Grenache and Petite Sirah. **90 Points wine Spectator**

2010 Black Pearl “The Mischief” Wine Origin Paarl \$20

14.5% alcohol; an 88/12 blend of shiraz and mourvedre): Bright red-ruby. Aromatic spices and a suggestion of pepper lift the almost liqueur-like aromas of black raspberry, blackberry, licorice and truffle. Lush and seamless, if a bit too sweet and easy for my taste, with rich black raspberry and spice flavors slightly dulled by alcoholic warmth. Finishes with sweet, soft tannins that will not get in the way of early enjoyment. A big mouthful of wine for its price. **89 Points Vinous**

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